

COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 69, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

- Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- SECTION 1. IC 20-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:
- Chapter 22. School Readiness Program Plan**
- Sec. 1. The Indiana state board of education shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the criteria for acceptable school readiness programs that may be approved under this chapter. The rules must provide that programs similar to the following are approved:**
 - (1) Head Start under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.
 - (2) Even Start.
 - (3) Transitional kindergarten.
 - (4) Other nationally accepted programs that improve school readiness.
- The criteria must be based on national studies and research on school readiness programs.**
- Sec. 2. Each school corporation may adopt a plan to provide a full day kindergarten or school readiness program, or both. The plan must comply with the rules adopted under this chapter and must include the following:**
 - (1) Goals, objectives, and expectations of the program that are consistent with the school corporation goals and state student achievement or performance goals.
 - (2) Anticipated or estimated participation in each program.
 - (3) Physical space needs, specifically identifying the potential need for more classrooms or facilities or expansion of existing rooms and including the estimated cost for additional space that would be attributable to having a program.
 - (4) Transportation needs, including necessary additional bus routes and buses and the estimated cost for necessary expansion of transportation.

(5) Personnel needs, including necessary additional teachers, aides, and other staff that would be required to maintain an eighteen to one (18:1) student to teacher ratio in full day kindergarten and the estimated cost for necessary additional personnel.

(6) Professional development plans for program teachers, including a description of the types and amount of training that teachers in the program will be asked or required to complete before implementing a program.

(7) Academic structure of the program, including the mix of subject areas and activities that will be provided in the program.

(8) Evaluation methods that will be used to monitor progress toward meeting or exceeding the program goals, objectives, and expectations.

A school corporation that has a full day kindergarten program that allows any kindergarten age child to participate may submit a plan that describes what the school corporation is doing to satisfy subdivisions (1), (2), (7), and (8).

Sec. 3. (a) A governing body shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on the plan. Notice of the hearing must be given at least fourteen (14) days before the hearing in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). After the public hearing, the governing body may revise the plan and hold another public hearing on the revised plan.

(b) The approved plan must be submitted to the department of education for review and approval before January 1, 2000, to receive a grant for the 2000-2001 school year. A school corporation that does not submit a plan in 1999 must submit a plan to the department of education for review and approval before January 1 of a year to receive a grant in subsequent school years.

(c) The plan must then be submitted to the Indiana state board of education for approval.

(d) A school corporation is not entitled to program funding under IC 21-3-12 until a plan is approved by the state board of education.

SECTION 2. IC 21-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]:

Chapter 12. Full Day Kindergarten and School Readiness Grants

Sec. 1. The definitions set forth in IC 21-3-1.6 apply throughout this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "full day kindergarten enrollment" means the ADM for children enrolled in full day kindergarten.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school readiness program enrollment" means the number of children enrolled in the school corporation's school readiness program even though the child may

also be enrolled in the school corporation's half day kindergarten. It does not include children who are enrolled in the school corporation's full day kindergarten.

Sec. 4. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to receive a grant for its full day kindergarten program that is implemented under a plan approved under IC 20-1-22. The amount of the kindergarten grant for a school year is the product of:

- (1) the school corporation's full day kindergarten enrollment; multiplied by
- (2) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

A school corporation shall use the grant for its full day kindergarten program under the plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

Sec. 5. In addition to the amount a school corporation is entitled to receive under this article, each school corporation is entitled to receive a grant for pupils attending a school readiness program other than full day kindergarten that is implemented under a plan approved under IC 20-1-22. The amount of the school readiness program grant for a school year is the product of:

- (1) the school corporation's school readiness program enrollment; multiplied by
- (2) one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200).

A school corporation shall use the grant for its school readiness programs as set forth in its plan approved under IC 20-1-22.

Sec. 6. This chapter expires January 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Each school corporation is entitled to a school readiness program planning grant during December 1999 for planning and implementing a school readiness program as permitted by IC 20-1-22, as added by this act. The amount of each school corporation's grant is the school corporation's 1999-2000 average daily membership for kindergarten, as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1, multiplied by one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185).

(b) There is appropriated to the department of education from the state general fund the amount needed to make grant distributions under this SECTION. Distributions of this appropriation shall be made in December 1999. The distributions must be used only to pay for one (1) or more of the following:

- (1) Developing and submitting the school corporation's school readiness program plan.
- (2) Professional development of kindergarten teachers under the rules established by the professional standards board under IC 20-1-1.4.
- (3) Implementing full day kindergarten or school readiness programs (as defined in IC 20-1-22).
- (4) Operating full day kindergarten programs in existence on January 1, 1999.

(c) The Indiana state board of education shall adopt emergency rules, under IC 4-22-2-37.1, before July 1, 1999, establishing the

III criteria for acceptable school readiness programs under IC 20-1-22
 III for the 2000-2001 school year. The emergency rules adopted under
 III this SECTION expire on the earlier of:

III (1) the date rules are adopted under IC 20-1-12-1, as added by
 III this act; or

III (2) July 1, 2000.

III (d) This SECTION expires July 2, 2000.

III SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act
 (Reference is to SB 69 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on .

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Chairperson